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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**8th May 2016**

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### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*He was taken up to heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place*

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11  
**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 46:2-3,6-9  
**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23  
**Gospel:** Mk 16:15-20



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**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** Today we are invited to pray for all those who work in the media to spread the Good News and in particular for those who work for the Church in this field at national level. Some prayer cards are available at the back of the church. Any financial contributions can be made through the special envelopes in your offertory pack.

**'THE DOOR IS OPEN':** The next two Sundays (Pentecost and Trinity Sundays) we will be praying especially for those invited to join us as part of this initiative for the Year of Mercy. If you have not already done so, do fill in a prayer slip for any intention you would like to be included and post in the box at the back of the church – they are entirely confidential. Only the Lord will know whom you have mentioned!

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**LAST CALL!!!! TABLE TOP SALE:** Saturday, 14th May, 12:00 noon – 4:00pm (set-up from 11:00 a.m.) at the Feering Community Centre, Coggeshall Road, Feering, CO5 9QB. Cost is £10.00 per table. Café available for refreshments and home-made cakes. Contact Agness O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Gloria Streat 0787 028 [1212/glo146@aol.com](mailto:1212/glo146@aol.com) if you would like to run a stall or donate baked goods. Proceeds to Kelvedon Catholic Parish. Please come and support us as we would like to do make this an annual event.

**MARIAN MOVIE FOR REFLECTION:** Due to the Table Top Sale which is happening on 14 May the viewing scheduled for the 13th has had to be postponed; new date will be announced in due course.

**FATHER GORDON'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** Come and join us in celebrating this milestone event with a 'Bring & Share' party following 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon Sunday 17th July. Please pick up your invitation at the back of each Mass centre today.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' TEA PARTY:** This year is extra special. Let us honour the nation's longest-reigning monarch with our very own Tea Party to celebrate her 90th birthday. This event will take place in Kelvedon Catholic Church on Saturday, 4th June from 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. So, SAVE THE DATE! Registration for this birthday bash will commence from Sunday, 8th May at all 3 Mass centres. If you have not yet received an invitation, please pick one up at the back of all three Mass centres.

**WORKS OF MERCY:** The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church 557/559 High Road, Woodford Green IG8 ORB. We begin with 9am Mass, followed by our Procession at 9.45am to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5QB, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx. 12.30pm to the church for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON 100 SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016 :** The closing date for entries for this Olympic legacy 100 mile cycling event is **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. If you would like to be considered for one of our places, can commit to raising a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid) and are willing to pay a £50 registration fee, please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk) for an information pack.

**COGGESHALL TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDENS:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm – 6.00pm. In the town you can find gardens on a grand scale, riverside gardens, woodland gardens and tiny gardens. Our country gardens invite you to step back in time and enjoy perfect planting in historic surroundings. Attractions include the world's largest collection of weaver bird nests in Ben's Museum and a chance to visit St Nicholas Chapel with its fine examples of early English Brickwork. Guests can also learn how a working water mill operates.

**CONCERT OF SECULAR AND SACRED LIGHT MUSIC UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CHOIR:** Our fundraising concert on Saturday 14th May 2016 at 7.30pm for our work in the Congo has changed venue. It is now at: St Margaret's Church, Castledon Road, Downham, Essex CM11 1LG .

**SPRING CONCERT:** At The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay, on Saturday 21st May, 7.45 p.m., by the Parish's 9.00 a.m. Choir. It will include favourites from their 2015 Florence Tour. They will be joined by guest musicians for a varied programme of Choral music and popular solos. Entry is free – there will be a retiring collection for our Parish Fund. All are welcome.

**STAFF VACANCY:** St Joseph's Convent School, 59 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR have a vacancy for Key Stage 2 teacher for September. MPS/UPS + Outer London (plus negotiable % for an outstanding candidate). Tel. 020 8989 4700.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN 20s & 30s:** Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Dates: 27th - 29th May 2016. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! Contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

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**STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK:** Professor John Morrill, permanent deacon and director of ongoing formation for the clergy in the Diocese of East Anglia, will lead a study day on 'The Bible in English', with a focus on the Bible in Reformation England and concluding with Bible translations in the present day. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**  
**Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 8th May <i>Ascension (transferred)</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon  Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd Moran, Kilbane, Bradley, Tierney & Mullen families Int. Babs & Tony Page
<b>MONDAY</b> 9th May	NO MASS		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10th May	NO MASS		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11th May	NO MASS		
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12th May <i>St John Houghton</i>	NO MASS		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 13th May <i>St Erconwald</i>	NO MASS		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 14th May <i>St Matthias</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Sabu Mathew RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 15th May <i>Pentecost</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Masses today will be offered for all parishioners and especially our project 'The door is open'

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday 10.30-11.00 a.m.;  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Liturgical Rotas 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Giovanna Austin	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Simon Hall	Celia Butt